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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

90th plenary meeting

Tribute to the memory of H.E. Mr. Amata Kabua, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly observed one minute of silence in tribute to the memory of His Excellency Mr. Amata Kabua, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

The Assembly heard statements by the representatives of Myanmar (on behalf of the Asian States), Romania (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Nicaragua (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Denmark (on behalf of the Western European and other States), Côte d'Ivoire (on behalf of the African States) and the United States (as host country).

The representative of the Marshall Islands made a statement.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/51/780 and Add.1) [119]

The General Assembly took note of the information contained in the letters from the Secretary-General (A/51/780 and Add.1) that 43 Member States were in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter, and that since the issuance of the first communication (document A/51/780), Armenia and Venezuela had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and organization of work [8]:

(a) *Request for the inclusion of an additional item: note by the Secretary-General (A/51/236)*

The General Assembly decided to waive the provision of rule 40 of the rules of procedure.

The Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, decided to include in the agenda of the fifty-first regular session an item entitled "Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Mission for Verification of Human Rights and of the Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

(b) *Request for the reopening of the consideration of agenda item 18 (a) (Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions): note by the Secretary-General (A/51/101/Add.1)*

Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-first session appear in PART II (English/French) of the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/23 (PART II)).

The General Assembly decided, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, to reopen consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 18 "Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions" and to consider it directly in plenary. The Assembly further agreed to give it immediate consideration.

Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: note by the Secretary-General (A/51/101/Add.1) [18 (a)]

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

The Assembly decided to appoint Mr. Syed Akbaruddin and Mr. Fumiaki Toya as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a term of office beginning on 31 January 1997 and ending on 31 December 1998.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 18.

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